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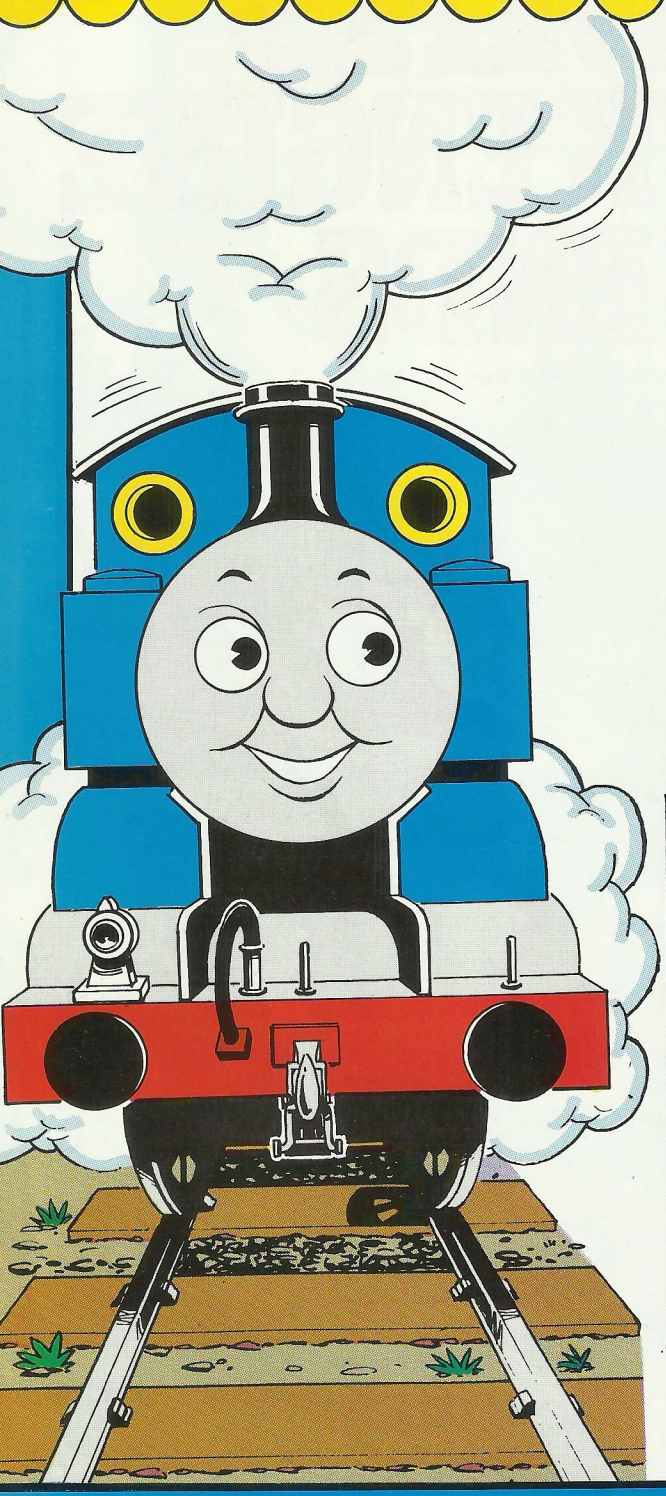

Peep! Peep! Duck is a Great Western Railway Saddle Tank Engine and he helps the Fat Controller by pulling trucks on the Island of Sodor. One day, he is given the special task of moving some trucks along the old seaside line. It looks exciting at first, but Duck soon finds out that rails along the seaside line should be maintained more often! You can find out what happens to Duck when you read the story that begins on the next page! Peep! Peep!

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24 Thomas, James and Henry sets, **24** large remote control engines, **48** Thomas die cast models – from *ERTL (UK) Ltd* must be won in our splendid two part competition. The first part is on page 7 and second part will be in our very next issue (93).

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In this issue: There's a splendid Thomas the Tank Engine pull out mini poster, just for you!

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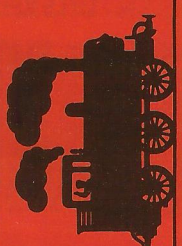

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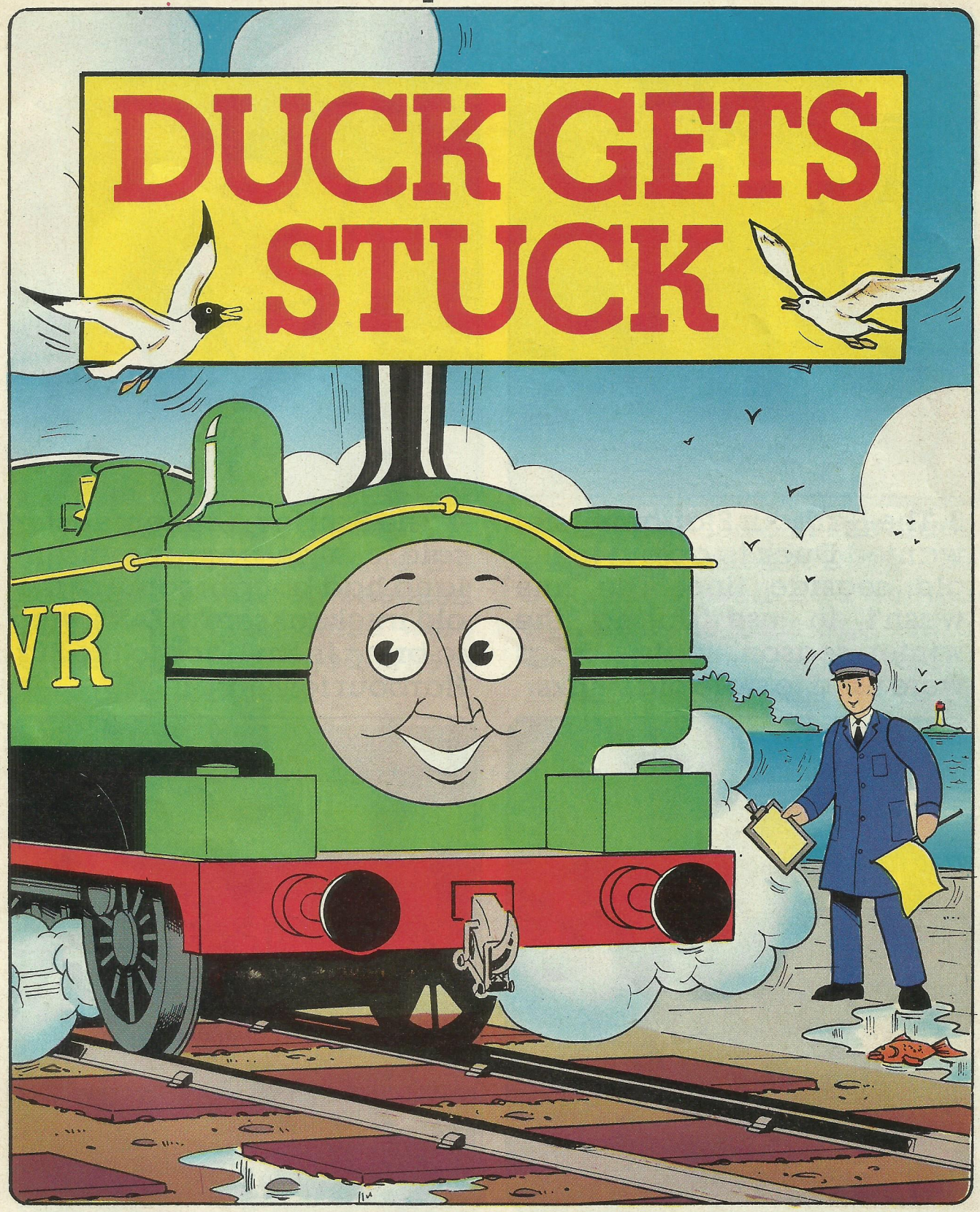
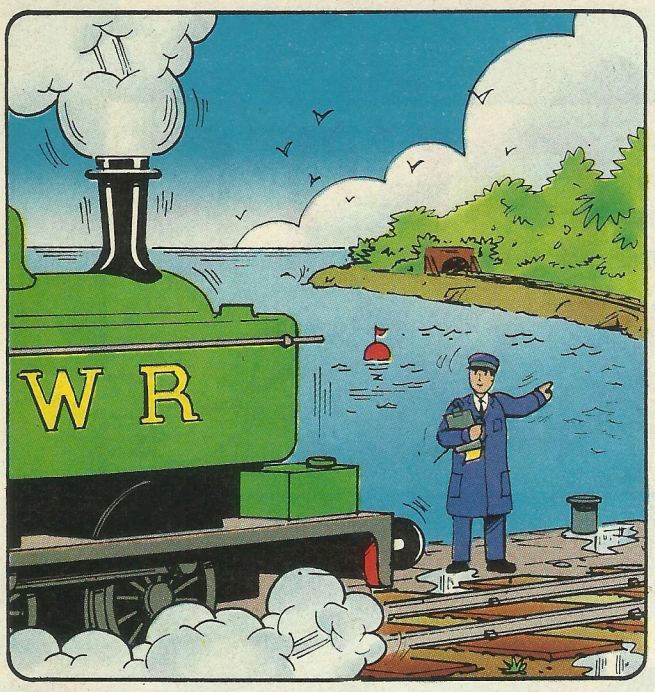
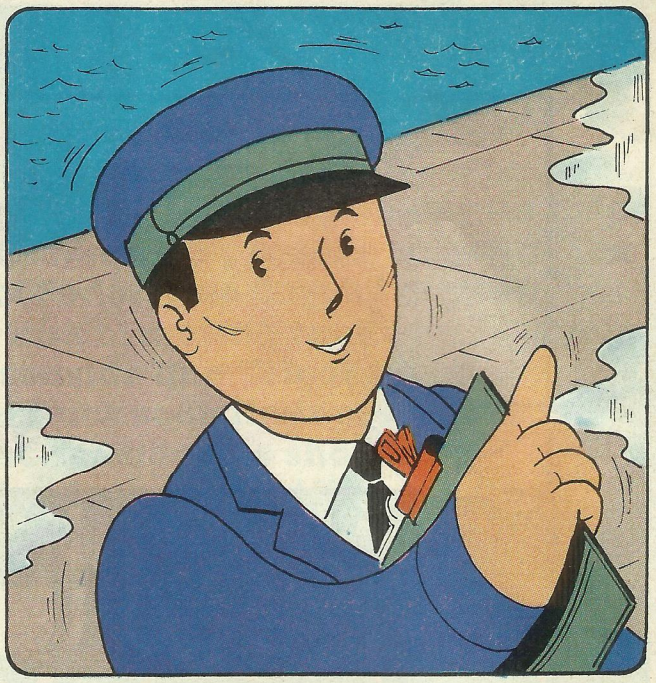


1. Duck is a Great Western Railway saddle tank engine. His real name is Montague, but everyone just calls him Duck. It's easier to say and in any case, he prefers it.

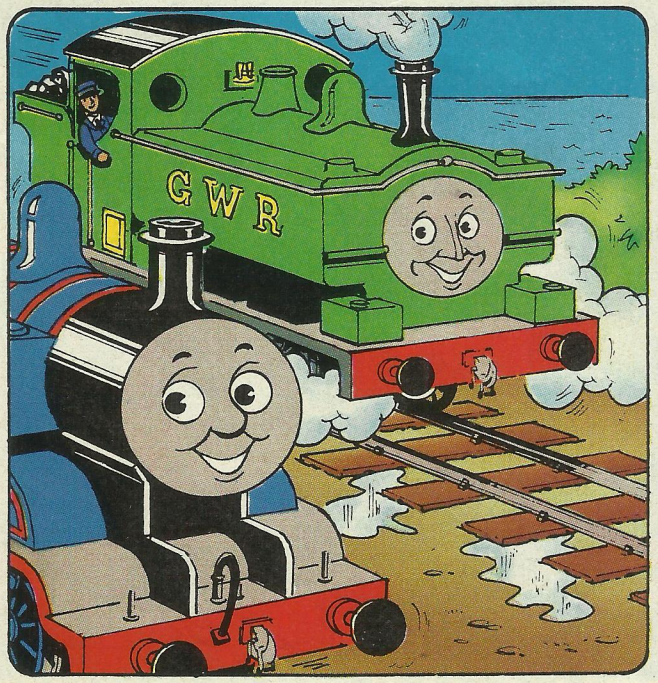
2. One morning, the Harbour Stationmaster came to see Duck in the yard. He had a special job for him. Duck was more than happy to oblige and felt very excited.



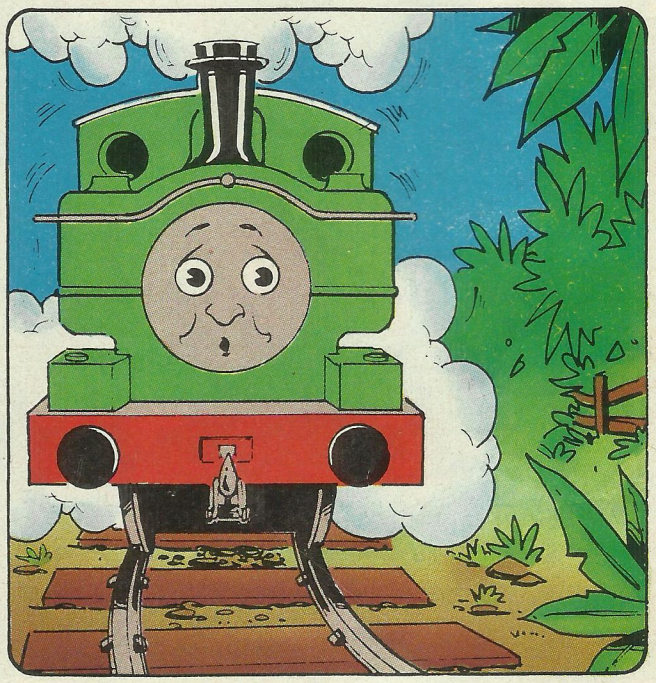
3. The Harbour Stationmaster wanted Duck to go out to the old seaside line. The line wasn't in use during the winter season, so its sidings were used to store old trucks.



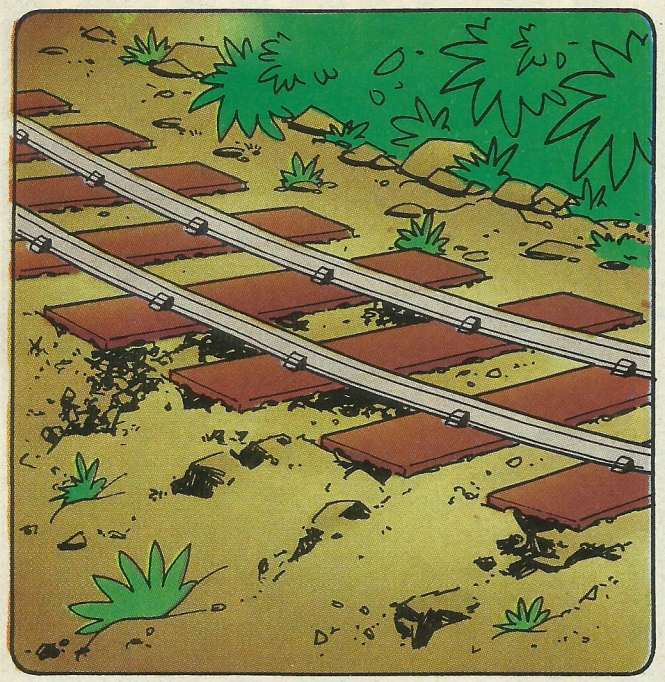
4. The Harbour Stationmaster said a man from the mainland had bought some of the old trucks as scrap. Duck was to bring them back to the Big Harbour for shipping.



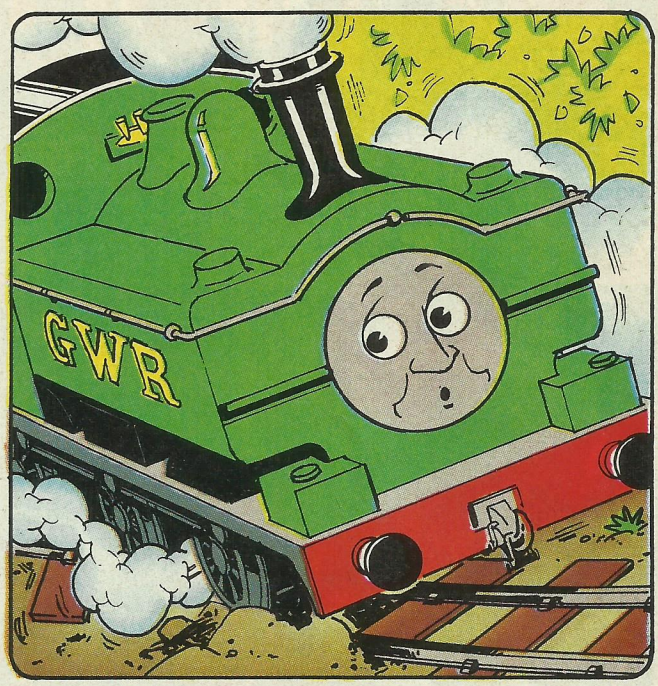
5. Off went Duck, puffing cheerily. Thomas was in the yard, waiting in a siding. "Peep! Peep! Hullo, Thomas!" Duck whistled to him. But Thomas made no reply at all.



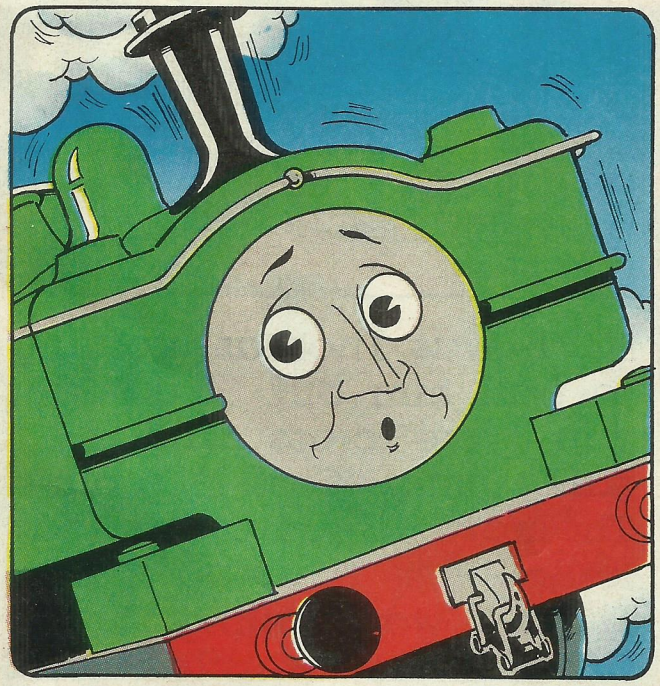
6. "That is odd," thought Duck. "It's not like Thomas to be unfriendly." Duck kept thinking about Thomas as he made his way down to the seaside line.



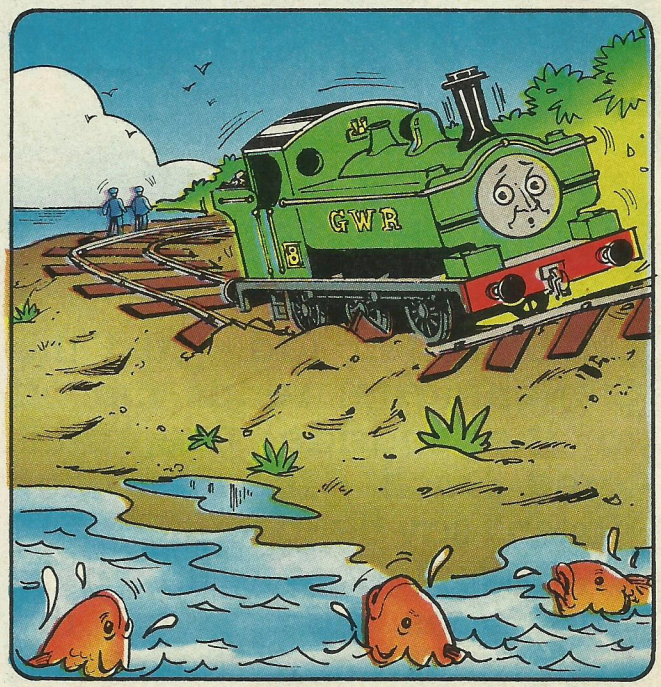
7. The soil beside the seaside line was very sandy and the rails had not been checked for a long time. Some were weak and damaged where the soil had moved.



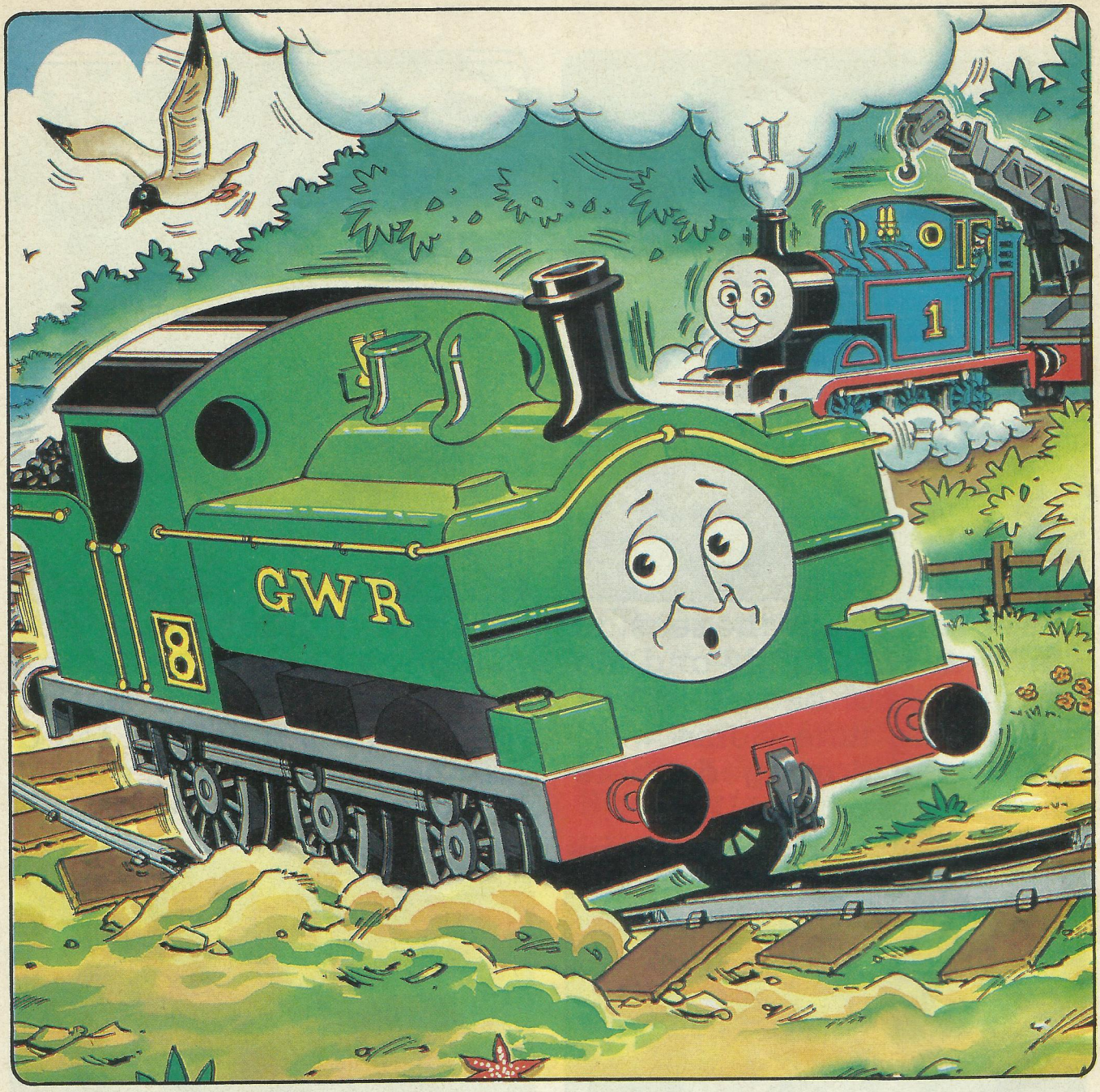
8. All of a sudden the track fell away beneath Duck. The soft, sandy soil had shifted beneath the rails and left a big hole. Now Duck's weight had forced the rails down.



9. Duck's driver tried to move backwards, but Duck was stuck! "Peep! Peep! Help!" whistled Duck, but it was no use. There was nobody around to hear him.



10. Duck's driver and his fireman decided to walk back to fetch some help, while Duck had to wait on the broken line. The men were gone a very long time!



11. Duck felt sad. "First the Stationmaster sends me off to the seaside line," muttered Duck. "Then Thomas doesn't say hello to me! Then my driver leaves me in a hole and goes away with my fireman! I think I've been abandoned?" Poor Duck was making himself very miserable! At last he heard a friendly "Peep! Peep! Hullo!"

12. It was Thomas, coming to pull him out. "I thought you were cross with me," said Duck. "Cross?" replied Thomas. "You didn't say hello this morning," said Duck. "I was waiting for my driver. I can't whistle when I have no steam!" laughed Thomas. Duck was pleased that Thomas was still a good friend!

THE END

In our next issue: Oily rails!

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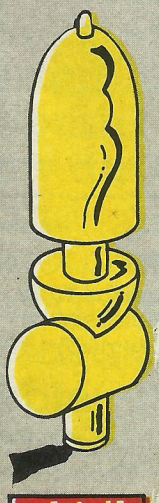
Accident in the Yard!

Duck was working at the harbour on the Island of Sodor. A big ship had just docked. The men were working to unload the cargo.

The heavy loads had to be lifted by tall cranes. The crates were lifted high and swung about while in mid air.

The Harbour Stationmaster instructed Duck to stop beneath the cranes with his trucks. Then something happened!

Snap! One of the ropes from the crane, which was holding a crate broke!



"Look out!" shouted the Stationmaster, but there was no time to move out of the way!

Whumph! The crate landed right on top of Duck!

"Oh, no!" called his driver.

"Are you alright, Duck?"

Duck was rather scratched and dented.

"That crane is very dangerous," said his fireman.

"The crate didn't feel very heavy," said Duck.

It was decided that Duck should be checked over at the works to make sure nothing had been damaged.

"It's only a scratch on my paintwork," said Duck, "load up my trucks and I'll be on my way again!"

Duck's driver agreed.

The men soon had Duck's trucks loaded.

"Off we go!" said Duck. "Pip! Piiiii . . ."

"What a noise," said the guard.

"Piiiii . . . ! continued Duck.

"What is all the noise

about?" shouted Diesel.

"Piiiii . . . !" continued Duck. He couldn't stop whistling!

"Oh, dear," said Percy, to his driver. "I think the crate damaged Duck's whistle!"

Poor Duck kept whistling all the way to the maintenance shed! At last an engineer climbed up and fixed his whistle.

"Phew!" sighed Duck, when he had got his breath back.

"I never want to whistle again!"

"Don't be silly," said the engineer. "It's fine now."

"I don't want it to get stuck again!" said Duck.

"It will be as good as new!" said the engineer.

Duck decided to have a go. As his driver pulled the whistle, Duck gave a little blow.

"Pip!"

He blew harder.

"Peep!"

He smiled.

"Your whistle is back in working order now, Duck," said the engineer.

"Peep! Peep! Thank you!" replied Duck.

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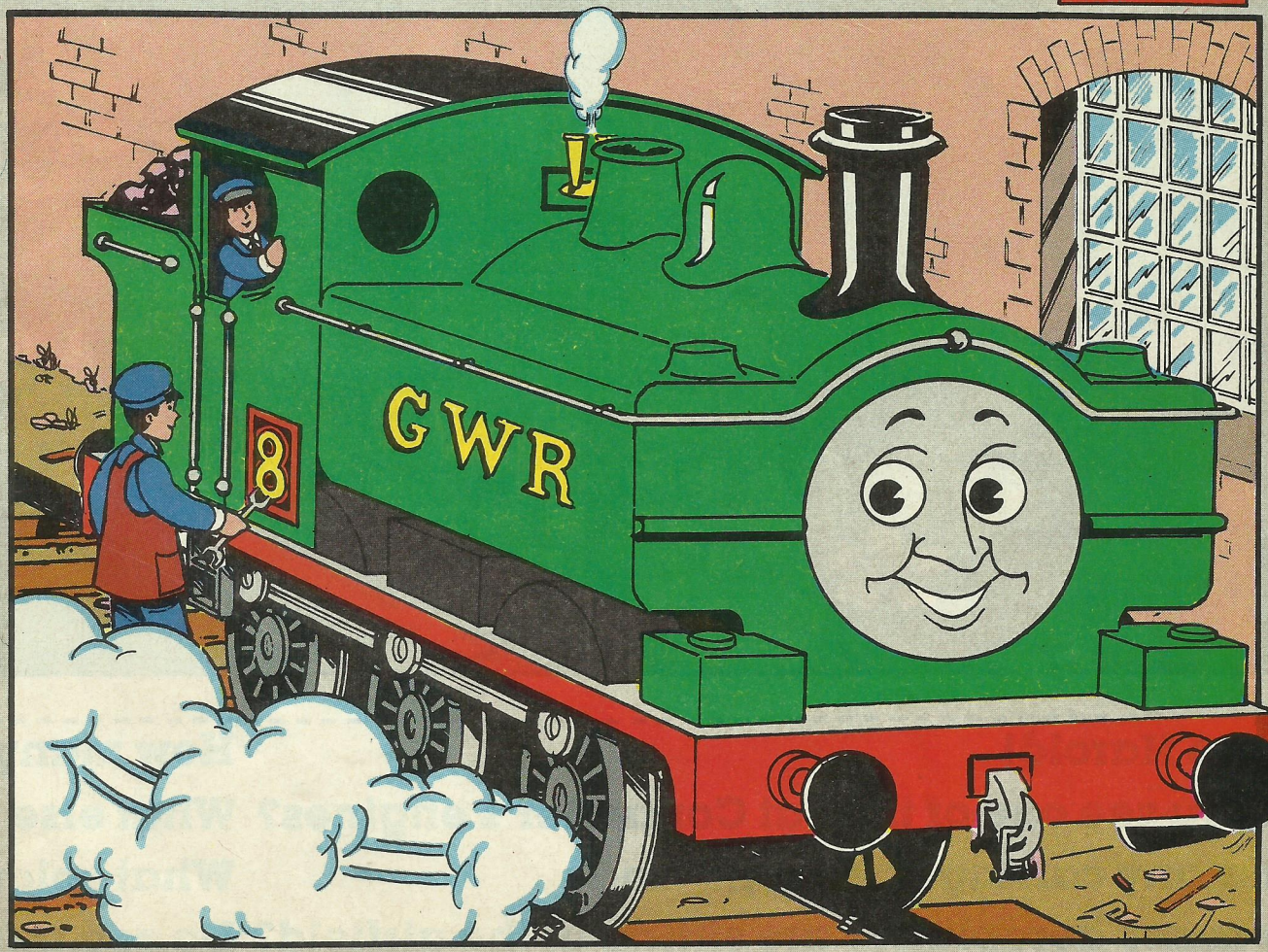

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Point to Harold!

Can you see one of the Fat Controller's engines?

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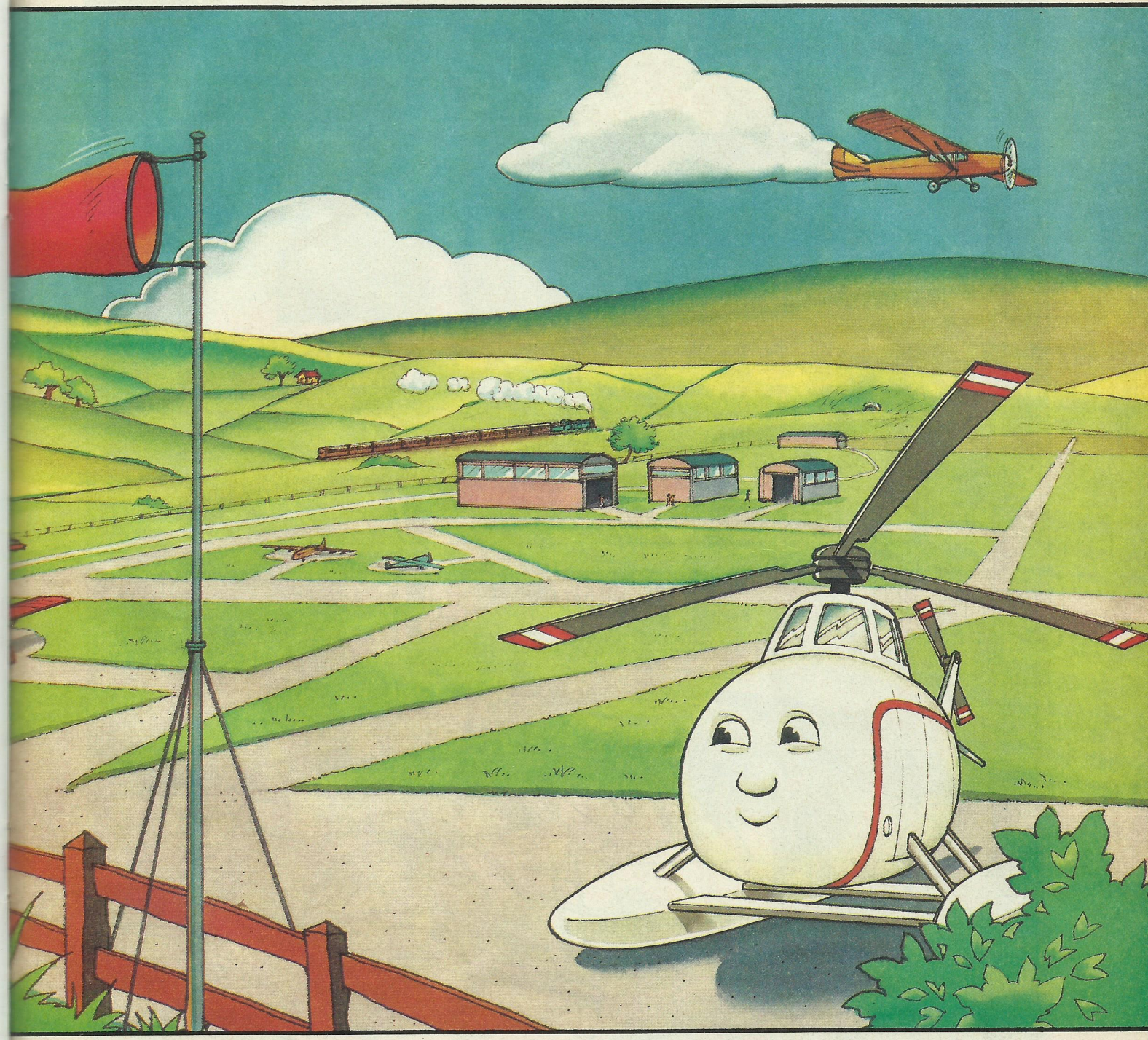

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Next issue: Past the saw-mill!

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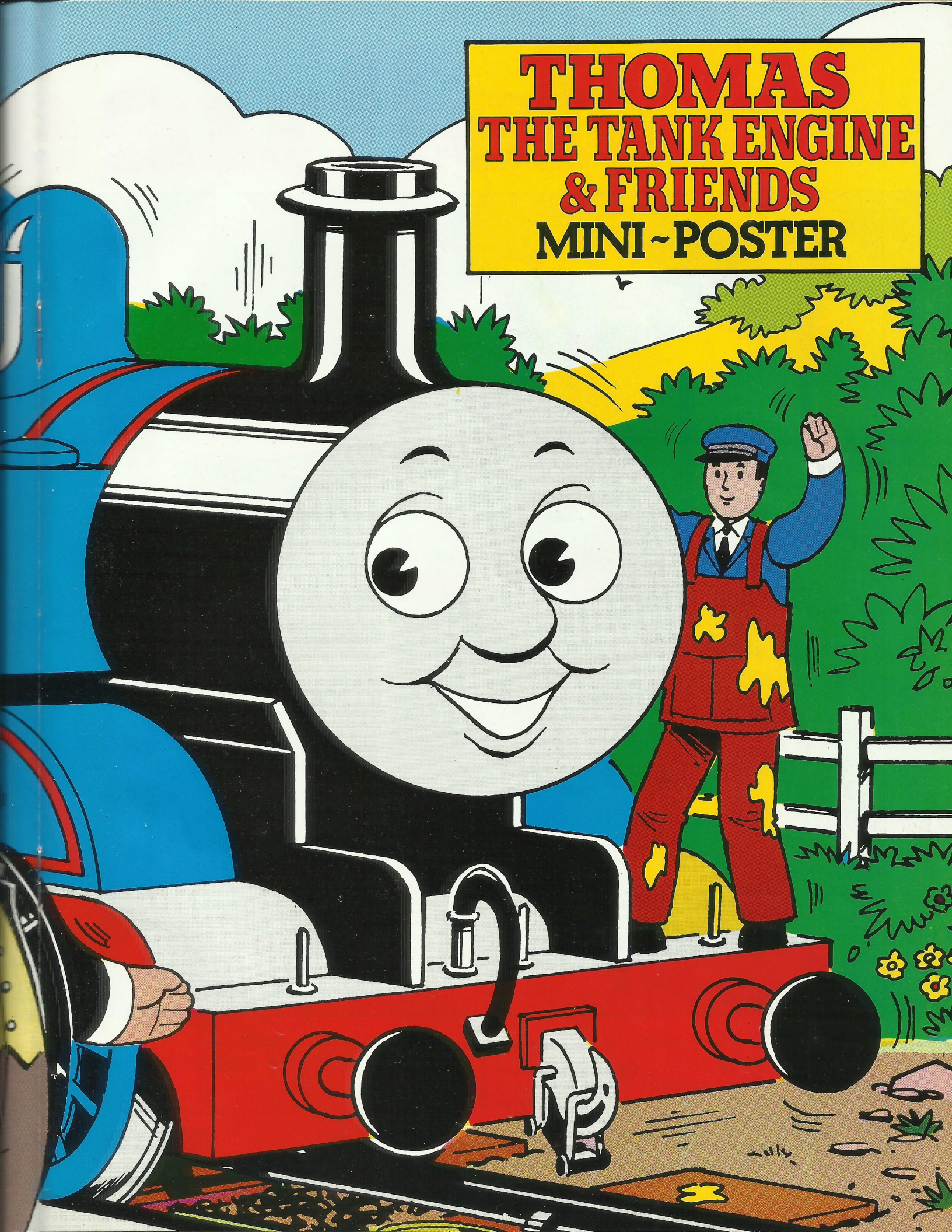
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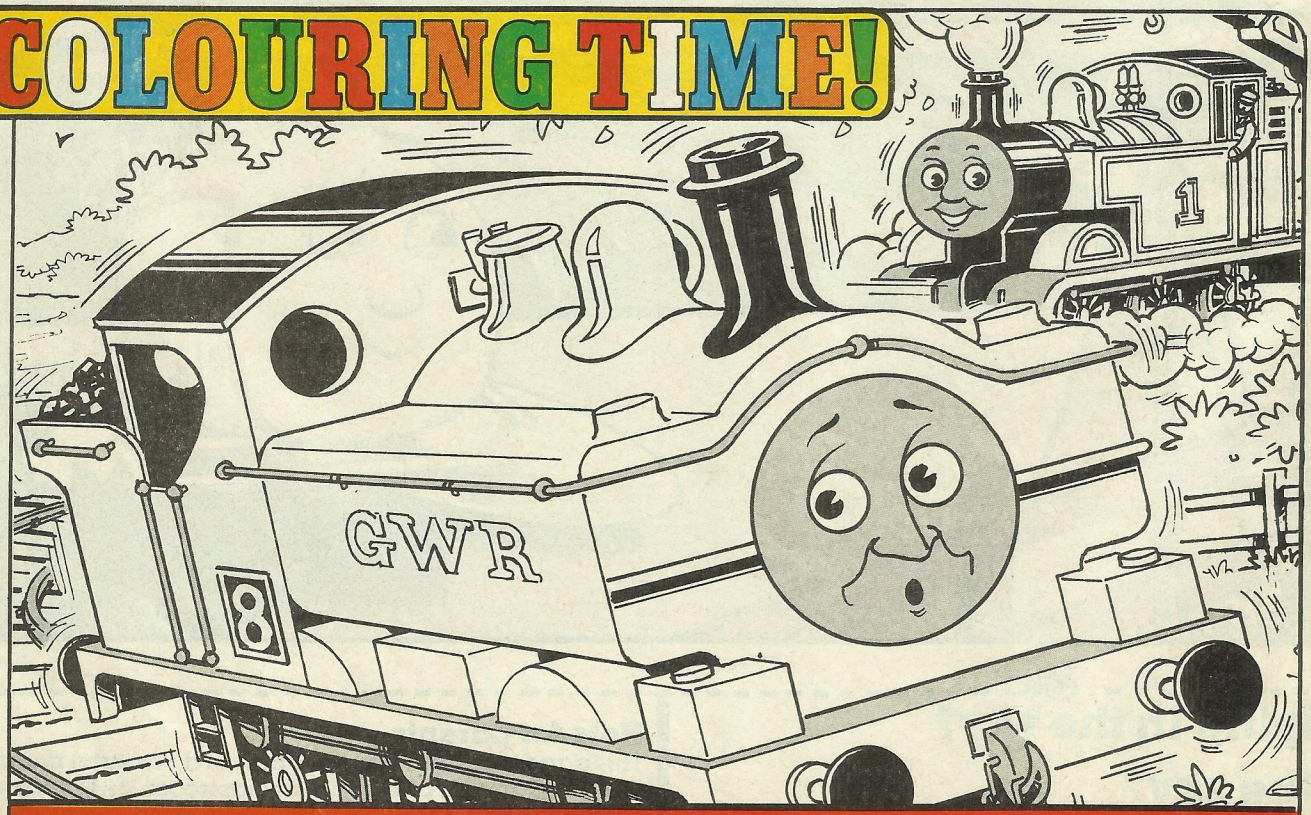
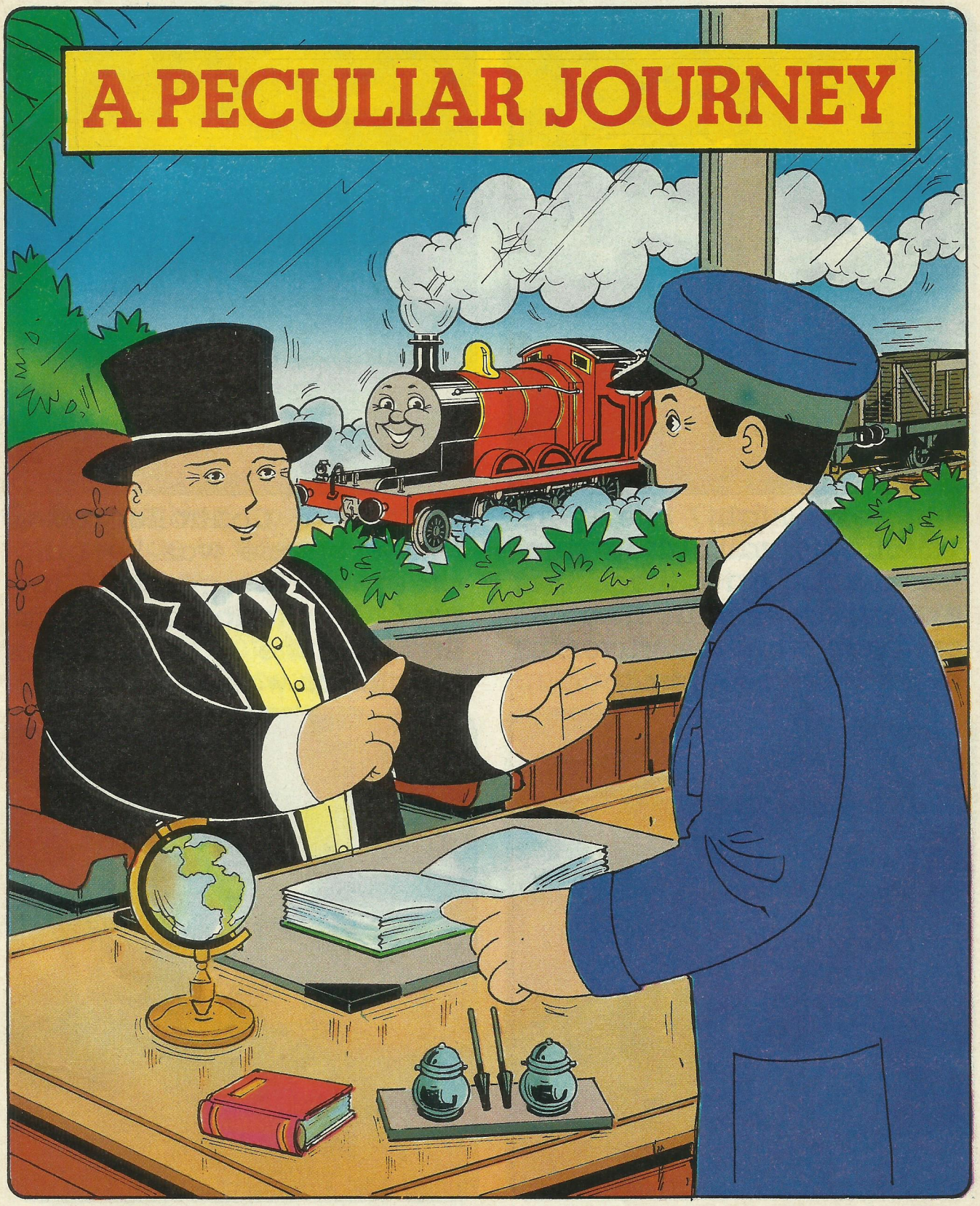


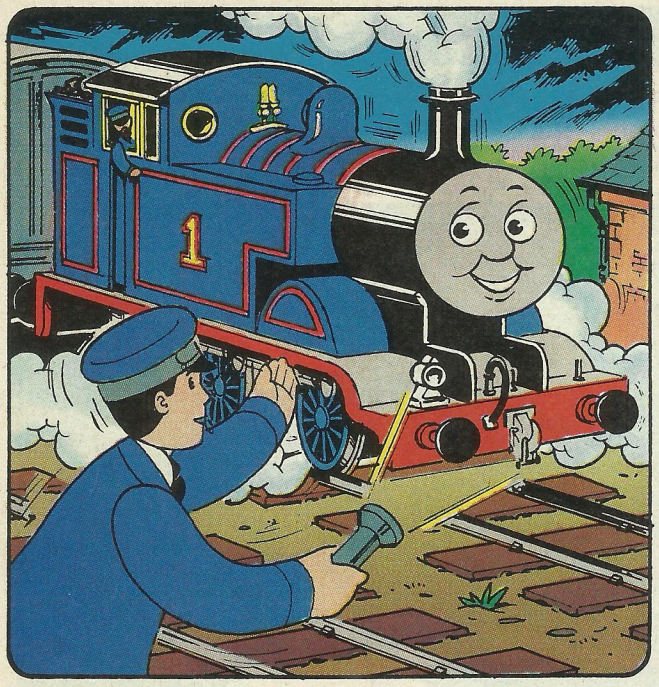
**Can you guess why Duck is in a mess,
While making this picture a colourful success!**

A listen and look story!

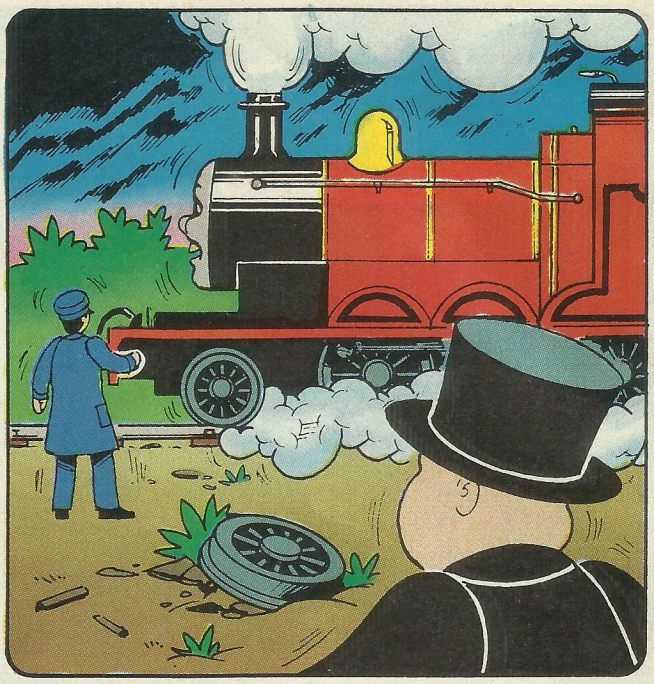


1. The Fat Controller looks after his railway properly. He knows every engine's time-table, so he always knows exactly where to find each engine during the day.

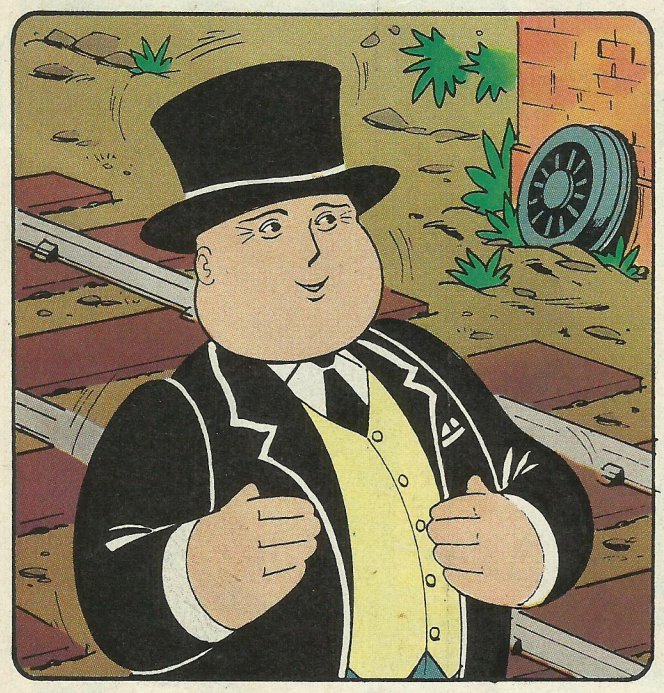
2. There had been talk of thieves in the yard at the Main Station ever since some goods had gone missing. The Stationmaster had been asked to keep a look out.



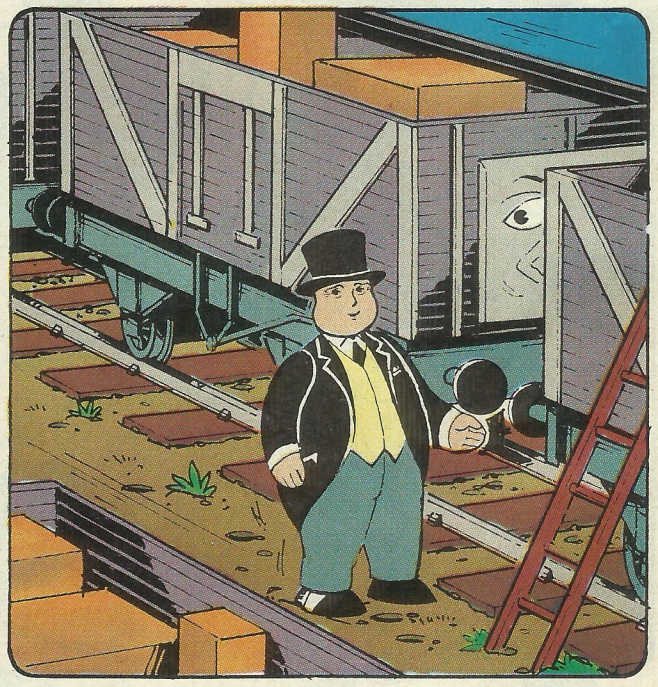
3. Every night, the yard watchman walks about shining his torch to check that everything is safe. Thomas sees him when he travels at night, Henry sees him too!



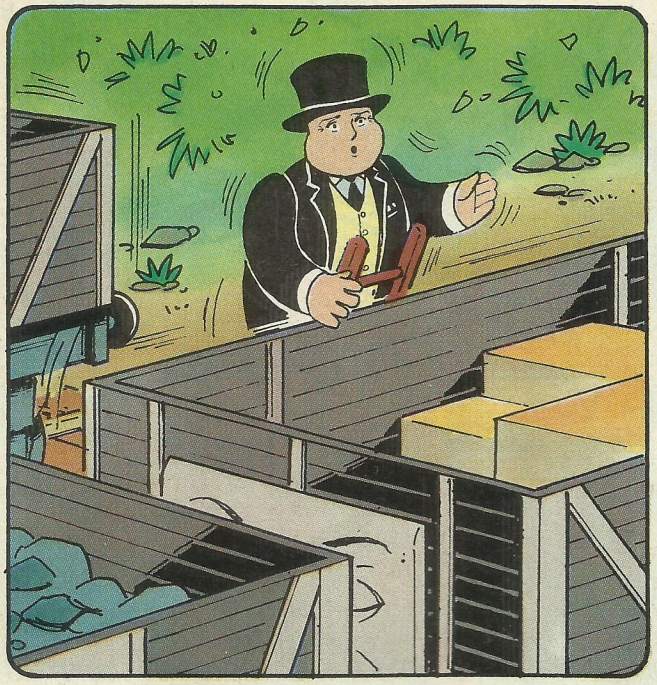
4. The Fat Controller knew that everyone was keeping an eye on the goods in the yard. The Stationmaster was there in the day and the watchman was there at night.



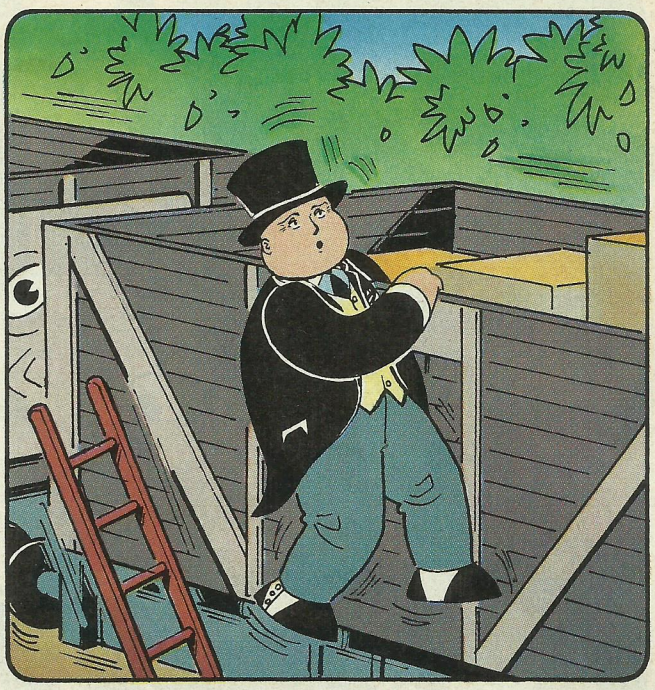
5. Nevertheless, it was the Fat Controller's railway and he liked to keep an eye on everything personally. So one morning, he went out to the yard himself.



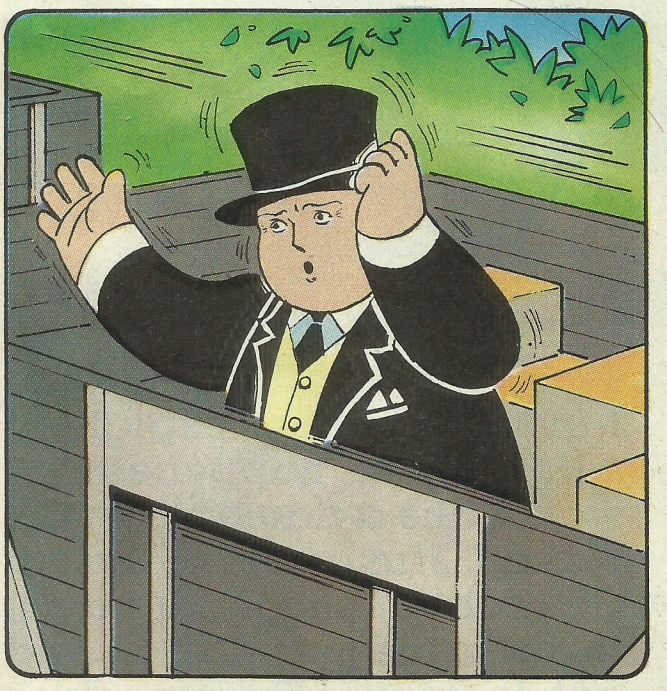
6. Everything looked normal. The trucks were standing on their sidings where they were supposed to be, but the Fat Controller decided to check inside one of them.



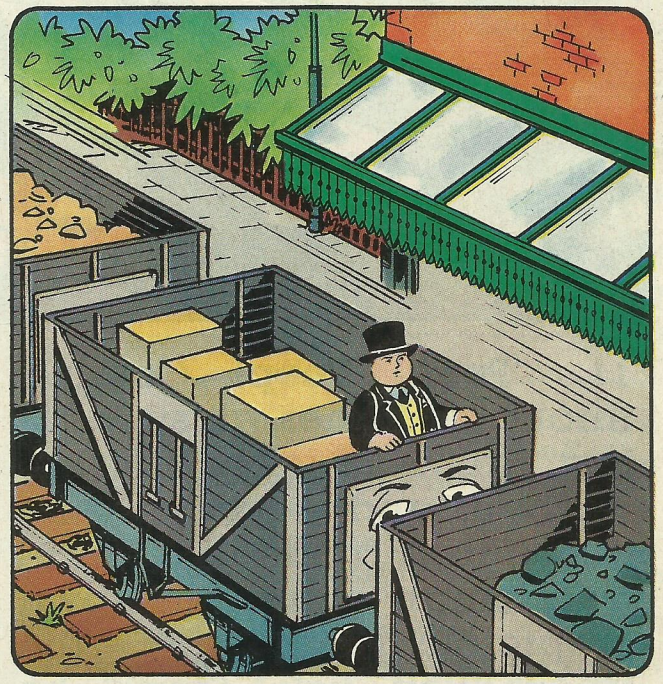
7. He climbed up the ladder on the side to check that the goods were still there. But as he climbed the ladder, James accidentally bumped the trucks as he coupled up.



8. The Fat Controller nearly lost his balance and before he could speak, James was coupled up and ready to go. James set off, pulling the trucks out of the yard.



9. The Fat Controller called out to James's driver, but the noise of James's steam just drowned his voice. He waved at the guard's van, but the guard didn't see him.



10. There was nothing the Fat Controller could do, but to hop into the truck! He looked out at the stations, but James wasn't stopping. "Hurry! Hurry!" James sang.

11. "Peep! Peep! Coming through!" James whistled. At last James reached the Big Harbour and stopped. Then the guard noticed a smart gentleman climbing down suspiciously from the trucks. "Hey, you! Stop!" he shouted. The guard was very surprised when he realised that the suspicious gentleman was the Fat Controller!

12. The Fat Controller laughed as he explained what had happened. "I would like a ride back to the station, James!" said the Fat Controller. "And this time, I'll travel in the guard's van and not in a truck!" "Yes, sir! I would be honoured to take you back in my guard's van, sir," said James. And so he did!

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In our next issue: Harold's cousin!

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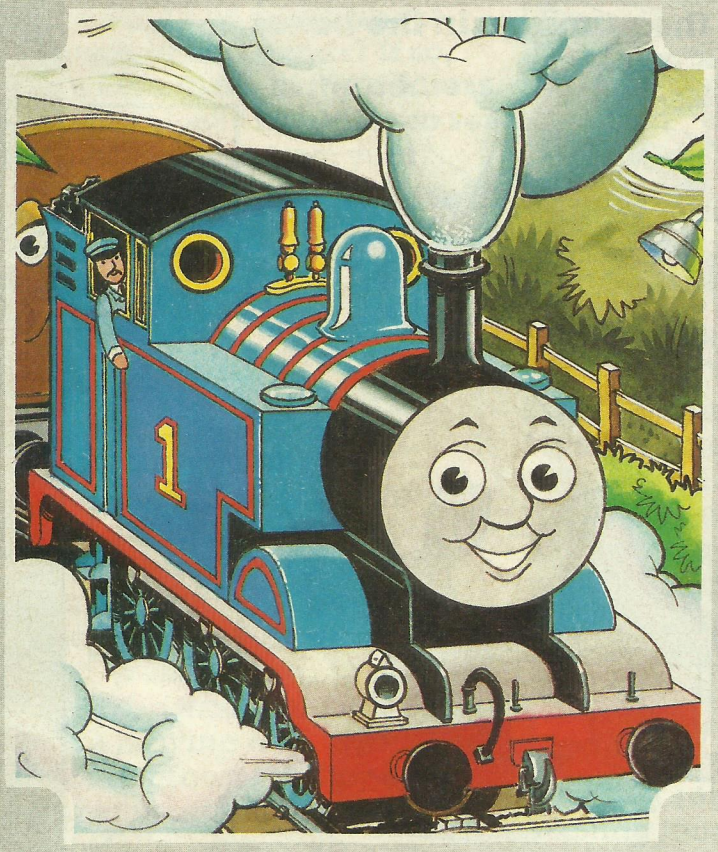

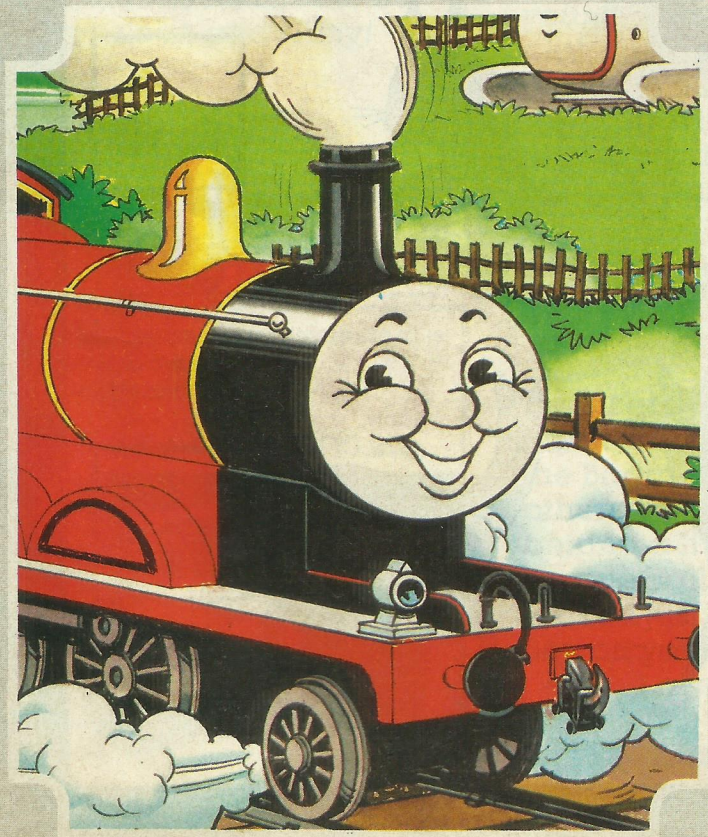

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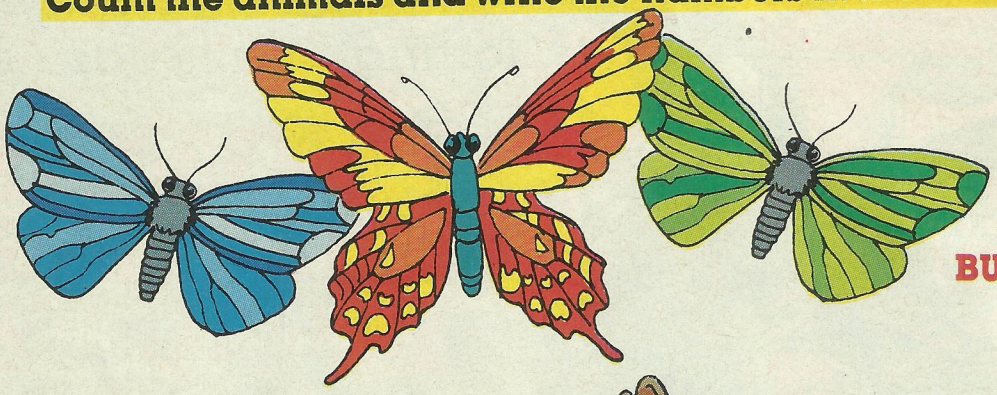

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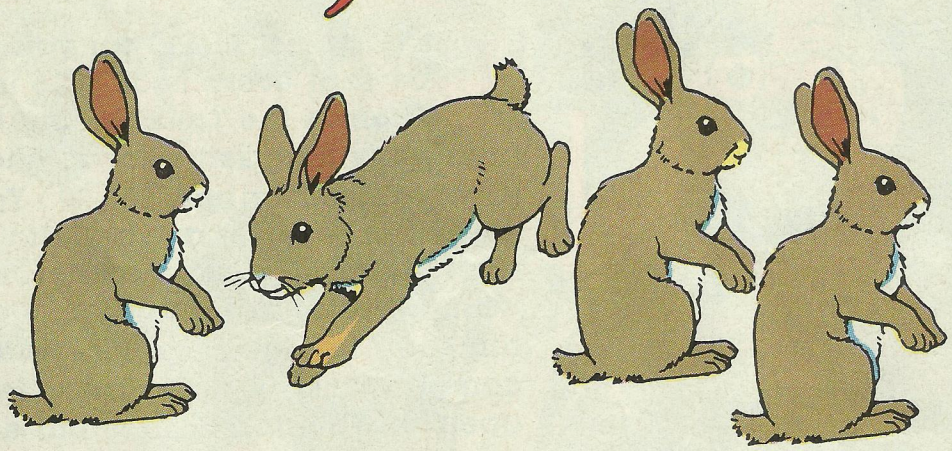

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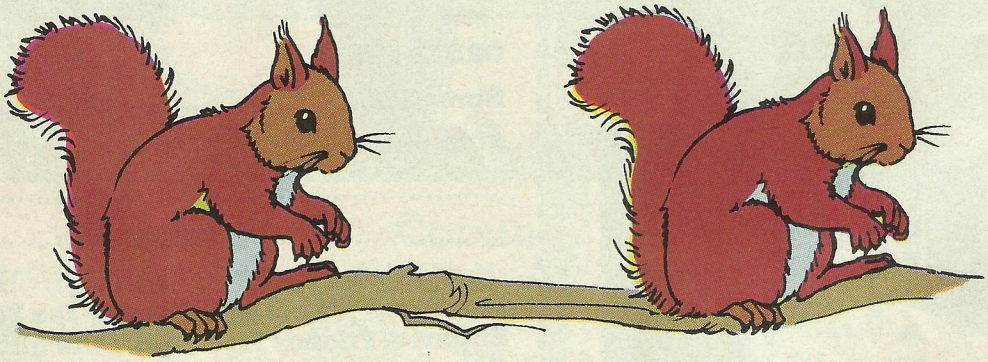

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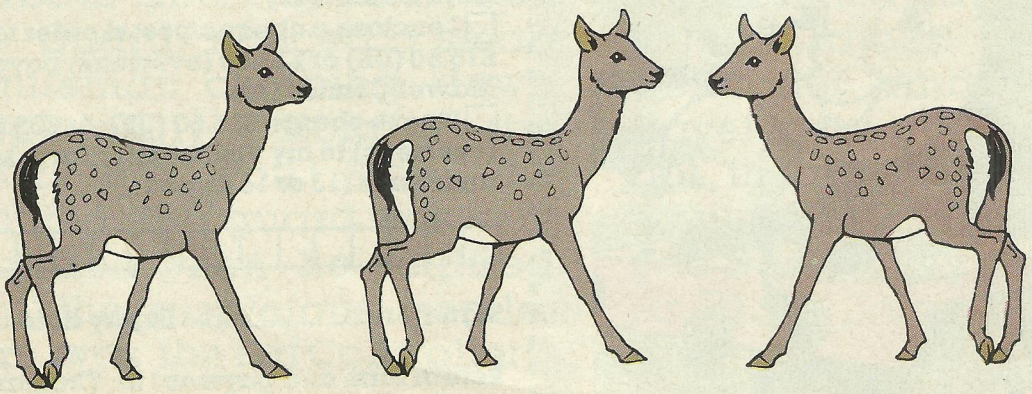

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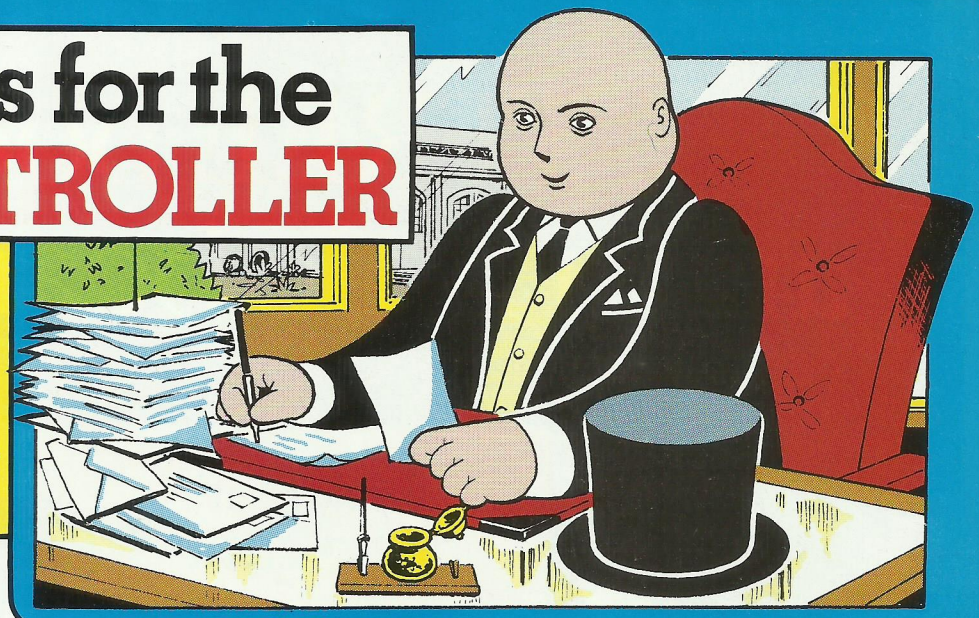

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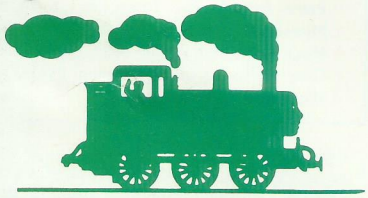
STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
My favourite engine is Thomas, because he is blue and he is a happy engine who always helps everybody! I have also got lots of model engines and I like playing with them all!

Love from **Sam**, aged 3.

Well, Well! What a splendid time you must have playing with all your engines! I do hope you look after them very carefully, especially Thomas as he likes to be kept clean and shiny!



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JUST LIKE BILL AND BEN!

Dear Fat Controller,
My little sister and I went to Scotland recently. We travelled on a big ferry and went to see our great grandma who is 99 years old! We had to go through lots and lots of puddles!

Love from **William**, aged 4.

Upon my soul! *What an exciting journey that must have been! I'm sure your grandma was very pleased to see you! I'm also sure that my two Scottish Twin Engines, Donald and Douglas, will be pleased to hear your story!*

SPLENDID JOURNEY!

Dear Fat Controller,
My daddy took me to the Bodmin railway the other day. We rode behind a little tank engine called Alfred. He looked just like Bill and Ben on your railway!

Love from **Daniel**, aged 4.

My! My! That must have been a very exciting journey indeed! The Bodmin is a fine railway line and I am pleased to hear that you saw some very splendid engines there!

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